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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and list ngs of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (previously amended): A method for simultaneously detecting the presence of at least one HCV antigen and at least one HCV antibody in a test sample comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting said test sample with: 1) at least one HCV antigen or portion thereof coated on a solid phase, for a time and under conditions sufficient for the formation of antibody/antigen complexes and 2) at least one HCV antibody coated on said solid phase, for a time and under conditions sufficient for the formation of antigen/antibody complexes, wherein said at least one antibody coated on said solid phase is C11-14;
- (b) adding a conjugate to the resulting antibody/an igen complexes of (a)(1) for a time and under conditions sufficient to allow said conjugate to bind to the bound antibody in (a)(1), wherein said conjugate comprises a second antibody attached to a chemiluminescent compound capable of generating a detestable signal, and simultaneously adding a second conjugate to the resulting antigen/antibody complexes of (a)(2) for a time and under conditions sufficent to allow said conjugate to bind to the bound antigen in (a)(2), wherein said second conjugate comprises a

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third antibody attached to said chemiluminescent compoun I capable of generating a detectable signal, wherein said third antibody is C11-10; ar d

(c) detecting a single generated signal, presence of aid signal indicating presence of said at least one HCV antigen, at least one HCV antibody, or both, in said test sample.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 8 wherein said at least one HCV antigen coated on the solid phase is selected from the group consisting of core antigen, NS3, NS4, NS5, and portions thereof.

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (cancelled)

Claim 20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (cancelled)

Claim 23 (cancelled)

Claim 24 (cancelled)

Claim 25 (cancelled)